

(Washington, DC)— In light of recurrent flooding over the years in the Milwaukee area, Congresswoman Gwen Moore fought to require the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a study that could help reduce flooding and improve environmental conditions in the Milwaukee area. Moore included the study in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) that passed the House of Representatives last night by a vote of 381 – 40.

The legislation would require the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of carrying out a water basin project to reduce flooding and restore the environment in the Milwaukee area.

“This study would provide a huge boost in our efforts to reduce flooding in the Milwaukee area,” Congresswoman Gwen Moore said. “We are working to find a solution to the flooding problem in the Milwaukee area and this study will help us determine our options.”

Specifically, the study secured in WRDA would be in conjunction with the Milwaukee County Grounds project, which the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District has undertaken to reduce flooding in the Milwaukee area. The Milwaukee County Grounds project would create a basin where excess runoff could be stored during a storm, helping to reduce flooding along the Menomonee River and potentially easing serious damage to houses and the environment that results from floods.

The water basin would hold up to 260 million gallons of floodwater, protecting historic neighborhoods and critical municipal infrastructure in the area. Additionally, the project would serve as a recreation and parks area for the Milwaukee area.

The basin project has the strong support of Milwaukee County, the City of Wauwatosa, and local residents.

“This project’s benefits are numerous – it will help reduce flooding and environmental damage while also creating another recreation area for Milwaukee residents,” Moore said. “This study is a good step forward in alleviating flooding that damages our houses and environment.”

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